

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

In the Restriction Requirement mailed October 3, 2003, the Examiner restricted the claims to four groups as follows:

Group I, claims 1-9, and 12-18, drawn to a composition made from mixtures of epoxy resin and an aromatic amine;

Group II, claims 10-11, drawn to the composition of Invention I above and further including a maleinized polybutadiene;

Group III, claim 19, drawn to a coated substrate; and

Group IV, claims 20-22, drawn to a method of coating a substrate.

Applicants herein elect with traverse the claims of **Group I, claims 1-9 and 12-18**, drawn to a composition made from mixtures of epoxy resin and an aromatic amine for prosecution at this time. Moreover, Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims pursuant to 35 USC §121 and claiming priority to this application under 35 USC §120.

Species Election

The Examiner further requested that if the claims of Group I were elected, the following species also be selected:

1. Compositions with or without amorphous silica;
2. Compositions with or without filler; and
3. Compositions with or without solvent.

Applicants herein select:

1. Compositions including amorphous silica;
2. Compositions including filler, and Applicants further select polytetrafluoroethylene powder; and
3. Compositions without solvent.

Applicants submit that claims 1-9 and 12 read on the above species election.

Any fees due with this Reply may be charged to Deposit
Account **23-1665** under Customer Number **27267**.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid
in the continued prosecution of this application, the Examiner
is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative
at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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